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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

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1. Rhodesia

The South Africans officially informed Great Britain today that they cannot "cooperate in everything" the British "might feel impelled to do" with respect to Rhodesia. The South Africans said they will continue to conduct business with Rhodesia.

So far Guinea is the only African state to meet the 15 December deadline for breaking relations with Britain. Tanzania and one or two others have said they will do so soon. The majority are procrastinating or have refused to take the step.

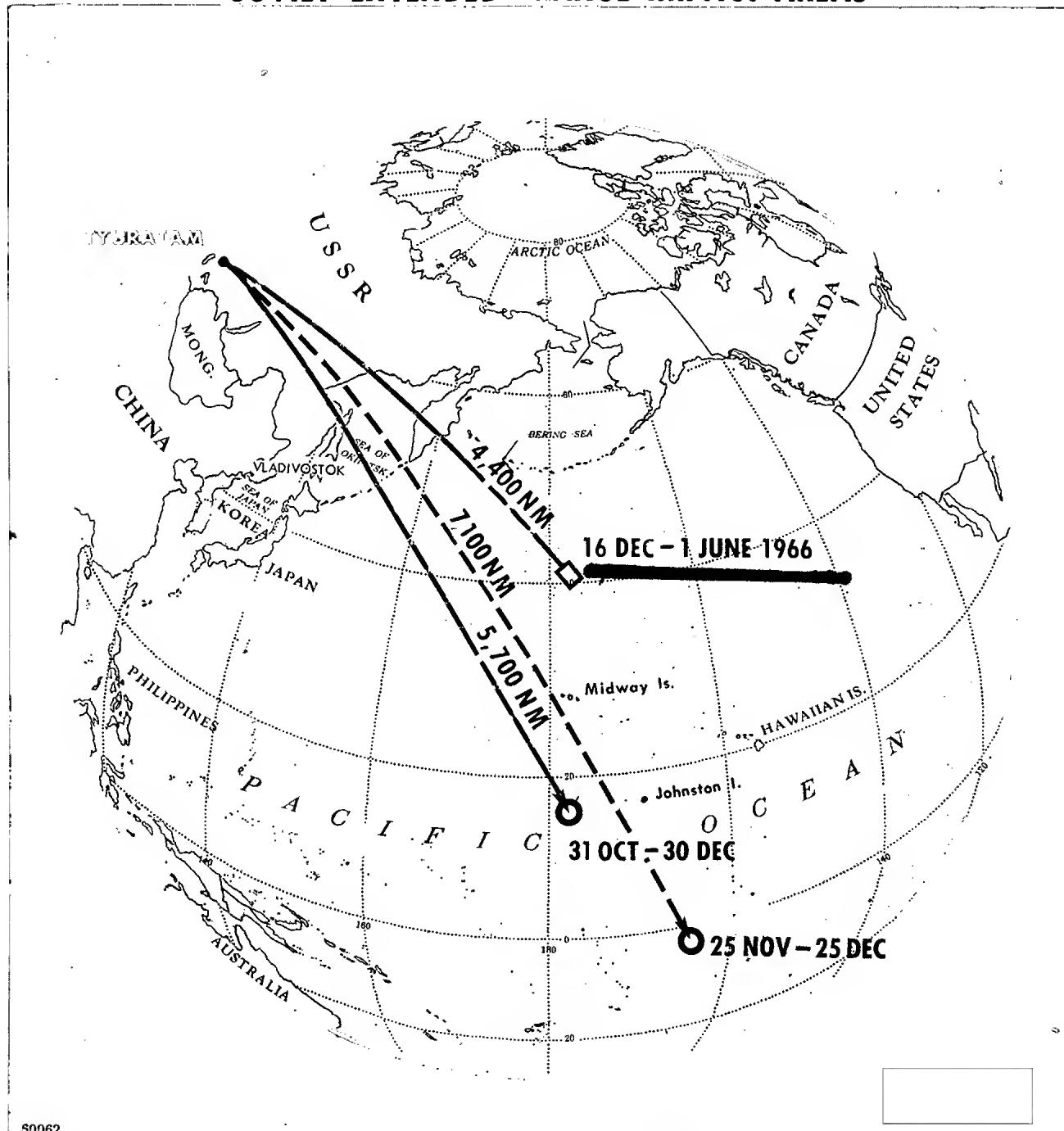
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2. Japan

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SOVIET EXTENDED-RANGE IMPACT AREAS



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3. Burma

General Ne Win recently acknowledged that Burma's economy is in a "terrible mess" and that chronic tribal insurgency is on the rise in many parts of the country. Ne Win refused to concede that his policies are at fault and blamed foot-dragging by his army associates.

Even before these charges were made, there was evidence of growing friction between the irascible Ne Win and his field commanders. His regime could be in for trouble if, as seems likely, the general persists along these lines.

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5. Laos**6. Soviet Union**

The announcement in Moscow yesterday closing an area in the North Pacific is unusual both for the duration of the closure and reasons advanced. The Soviets have never before used spacecraft landing experiments to justify a closure. They may well be planning water-borne recovery exercises.

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7. North Vietnam

Hanoi's first reaction to the bombing of the Uong Bi power plant is a new protest to the International Control Commission.

Hanoi claims that the attack on the plant was but one of a number of bombings of "industrial establishments" near the port of Haiphong on the same day. Although the Vietnamese note says that these operations are a "new, extremely serious step of the US escalation," its tone does not seem as fierce as some others in the past.

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8. Burundi

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9. France

Two polls taken in the past week agree that De Gaulle will get 55 percent of the runoff vote Sunday. However, the most respected of the polls, that of the French Institute of Public Opinion, lists 22 percent of the voters as still undecided.

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10. Guatemala

The Peralta government is offering rewards of up to \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest of terrorists and kidnappers. The government is alarmed and is considering stronger measures to halt the current wave of lawlessness.

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11. Philippines

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